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A letter from your President & Hon. Sec.

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This letter was sent by surface mail to every member for whom we have an address, as we felt it quite important that no-one was left out of this final surface mailing – I include it here for the benefit of those for whom we have no address and who access their newsletters online.

Dear Friends

Please accept our apologies for the lateness of this letter. As I am sure you are all aware, much has changed at school in the past year. (*Later in this mailing there is an explanation of those changes and the implications for the “Grenville” properties.*) We have been thinking long and hard about what steps the Association should take in response to the merger with Edgehill to form ‘Kingsley School’.

We have taken a very difficult but sensible decision to ‘become’ the Kingsley Association.

Our reasons are twofold:

Firstly, the Grenville Association is funded through a life membership fee paid by the pupils of the school – in the past it was charged on the final term’s bill, in recent years it has been charged, in smaller amounts, on each term’s bill throughout the five years of each pupil’s compulsory, secondary education. How it is charged on our behalf is up to the school; there has been a suggestion that the whole amount be charged as part of a “joining the school” package, but how it is collected does not affect the Association. The fact remains, however, that without this regular income the Association cannot continue to operate. In addition, a large majority of the pupils currently at, what is now, Kingsley School have already paid substantial amounts of money to us in order to join an ex pupils’ association and they will need to be joining the Kingsley Association when they leave.

Secondly, the Kingsley Association will not exist if we do not take on the mantle; it would take several years before there are sufficient numbers of ex-Kingsley students with the desire and enthusiasm to take on the running of an association and any events which might be required. The longer they go on without any kind of focus the more difficult it will be for them to

become established; if we do not take this step the Kingsley Association will, inevitably, be run by and controlled by the school. Whilst there is nothing wrong with this per se, it is not how we have traditionally operated as an association; with the exception of the very early years, when W Scott set up the first few “gatherings “.

We will, therefore, be looking to formalise this change at the next AGM, which we hope to hold before a dinner in the evening of the official launch day in October – more of that later in this mailing.

“But what of the Edgehill Association?” We hear you ask. We have had a meeting with some of their committee and have established a dialogue with their President. The Edgehill Association are funded by annual subscription from those ex pupils who have opted to join the association. In the past, leavers were charged a fee which covered four years’ membership and were included on the mailing list etc. At the end of the four years they were given the option to set up a standing order to pay their annual subscription; it is our understanding that very few of the more recent leavers have become long term members.

The Edgehill Association have a more formal committee structure and decision making is quite a lengthy process. Obviously, they could decide to remain a separate organisation, since they have independent funding, but it is our hope that they will eventually decide to join with us to create a truly representative organisation, which reflects the background of all the legacy schools.

We feel that, without the choice independent funding brings, it is quite important we take the lead and begin the process of setting up the Kingsley Association. We hope and believe that the majority of our members will see the logic behind this step and will remain enthusiastic and supportive as we move forward into a new era.

With best wishes to all of you

Ashley Clements – President

Fo Edmonds – Hon Sec

Other matters

Communications

We have, over the past few years, been trying to reduce the vast sums of money spent on postage. Every time we send out a mailing we get a certain number returned as “unknown” or “gone away”. In addition there are many members on the mailing list who have made no contact with the association for several years – despite many requests for updates. *(To ensure no-one is left out, this mailing is going to 1,615 addresses)* We do not feel that it is sensible to sustain this level of commitment to a “postal” service and have, therefore, decided that future communications will be made via the website and through our efficient e mail announcement list. Whilst we realise that there may be a small minority of members who do not have personal access to the internet we feel sure that they will know someone who would be willing to print off the annual newsletter and any announcements – son/daughter, grandchild, niece/nephew, work colleague etc. Our younger members communicate almost exclusively on social networking sites and by e mail and we feel that the future success of the association will depend on how well we embrace this media. We are, after all, coming to the end of the first decade of the 21st Century and we need to move with the times. Please make sure that you have entered your e mail address (or have asked a willing volunteer to enter theirs) onto the announcements list. You can do this by going to our home page – www.grenvilleassociation.co.uk and, from the list on the left hand side, click on the word “Register”, this will take you to a page with a box for you to enter the e mail address, you will receive a message asking you to confirm your decision.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU KEEP YOUR ENTRIES UP TO DATE IF YOU CHANGE E MAIL ADDRESS. *(If you wish to have the ability to post your own messages on our “Forums” (chat/message pages), rather than just reading them, you need to join the registered users - please follow the instructions in the “How to Register” message on the main forum list.)*

The 2009 newsletter is now available on the website and will include the contents of this mailing – for the benefit of those members who are not on our mailing list.

THIS MAILING IS THE FINAL SURFACE MAIL COMMUNICATION FROM THE ASSOCIATION.

Kingsley School – the merger of Grenville and Edgehill Colleges

Since the announcement of the merger in October last year there has been much speculation and conjecture about the reasons for it. The Kingsley School marketing team have been doing a very good job of presenting positive, clear and factual messages

about the new school but I am sure many members have been wondering why it has happened and what will be happening to the Grenville properties. In order to clarify these issues I need to give you some background (apologies to those of you who know this already).

Both schools were owned and governed by church based educational organisations; the Methodist Board for Edgehill and the Woodard Board (C of E) for Grenville. Both schools have been suffering a decrease in pupil numbers. Grenville has experienced a more successful recruitment rate and has, therefore, more pupils; almost twice as many as Edgehill. But we must be realistic and acknowledge that we are in a similar position to the one Edgehill was in three or four years ago. It is an undeniable fact that neither school could have survived whilst in competition with the other.

The Methodist Board have, over the past 5 years or so, been steadfast in their determination to keep Edgehill open; despite dramatic reductions in pupil numbers, unsettling changes in headships, two devastating fires and the necessity for radical and painful restructuring of their budgets and staffing. In order to do this they have had to provide a substantial financial commitment to the school.

Conversely, the Woodard Board could see that they may have been faced with the need for a similar financial commitment some years down the line and set up a deal with the Methodist Board to relieve themselves of that future burden. It was obvious that, with the housing market crash, the original plans to sell land at Moreton in order to finance the building of a new school would not now have raised sufficient capital to achieve this. There was, I believe, also some question of whether, as a charitable organisation, they could justifiably spend that kind of money on building new facilities for a school which looked like it might be shrinking to the same extent that Edgehill had been doing. The cynics amongst us have noted that they waited until the planning permission was granted on the land before brokering this deal!

The Woodard Board have effectively wound up Grenville College Ltd, transferred the “going concern” part of the business to the Methodist Board and retained the fixed assets – i.e. the Moreton campus and the Belvoir Road campus. They feel under no obligation to donate or otherwise transfer to Kingsley School any of the capital that might eventually be realised by the sale of those assets. They have committed to allowing Kingsley School the use of these two sites (in particular, the playing fields) for the next academic year (i.e. until August 2010)

As of September 2009, Kingsley School will operate from the single campus, on either side of Northdown Road, which was the original Edgehill College. For the coming academic year only, there will be some activity still on the Moreton site but nothing on the Belvoir Road site.

Save this date!

The Launch Day – Saturday October 10th 2009

Planning for this event is in its early stages but it looks like it will be in the form of an opening ceremony, a rowing event on the river and an open day for people to come and look at the “new” school. There will also be other events, as yet unspecified. We have no further information at present but Ashley is sitting on the organising committee and announcements will be made – via the e mail list and on our website – as soon as details emerge. As mentioned above, we hope to hold the AGM immediately before an Association dinner in the evening. ***We are trying to arrange for people to have a last walk around the two old sites on that day but, because of security arrangements, it may not be possible.*** We have very little time in which to organise this dinner and so need to have feedback from you all as soon as possible. **We are going to charge £35 per head and will email details about venue etc to those who return the slip below (with a cheque made payable to “The Grenville Association”) by August 14th.**

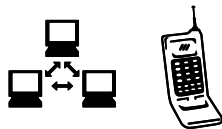
PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Name: E Mail:

I wish to book Ticket/s for the Launch Day Dinner on the 10th Oct 2009 @ £35 per head and enclose a cheque made payable to “The Grenville Association” for £.....

If you do not provide an e mail address, please include an SAE with your cheque.

Please return to: Mrs F Edmonds (Hon Sec), The Old Post House, St Giles in the Wood, Torrington EX38 7JQ



NEWS



We have recently been asked why there is not so much news from ex-Stella Maris pupils in this newsletter. The simple answer is that they do not send me very much! However, Stella Maris girls should note that I can no longer print a summary of the news which Sister Mary Immaculate receives every year, and which she very kindly used to summarise and send to me. We have both recently been concerned that there may be an issue regarding the legality of publishing the content of private letters to her. Therefore could I please ask that any of you who do send sister a newsy letter would also consider sending a copy to me? Thank you.

Fo Edmonds, Hon Sec (honsec@grenvilleassociation.co.uk)

01 - 04	<p>Bashiti, Fares</p> <p>Like many of our younger members, Fares contacted me through Facebook and gave me this update on his current activities. He has started a food factory in Saudi Arabia, which is going well, and an investment company in Dubai which is suffering a little from the current economic situation.</p>
60 - 66	<p>Carter, Donald</p> <p>Donald and his wife made a trip from Canada to the UK to re-live old memories in December last year.</p>
03 - 05	<p>Chan, Daniel</p> <p>Daniel has kindly agreed to help out on the Kingsley School stand at the Academic Asia exhibition in Hong Kong this coming May. Daniel says that many graduates in Hong Kong are unable to find employment due to the economic tsunami and he thinks he may work for a Christian Missionary network after his graduation.</p>
74 - 78	<p>Coffin, Janeen (now Evans)</p> <p>I have been married to Jon since Christmas 1983 and have 2 sons, Dominic (nearly 21) & Adam (nearly 18) and a daughter, Cassia (11). I now work from home in South Wiltshire and am also involved with building a new shop in the village where I will be post-mistress!</p>
03 - 05	<p>Edmonds, Meg</p> <p>Meg is currently completing her placement year with an Agricultural Research company, with a two month stint in Wales, and will return to Nottingham Trent University in October to complete the final year of her Ecology & Environmental Management degree.</p>
94 - 00	<p>Evetts, Sarah-Louise</p> <p>Sarah responded to my call for information on Facebook; recognising that she enjoyed reading about others' news, she thought she'd contribute some of her own! Having graduated from East 15 a few years ago Sarah now works as a jobbing actress in Cardiff. <i>"I also work as a copy writer to sub my income. Happy and healthy!"</i> Sarah expressed her appreciation of the Association – <i>"it's so nice to touch base every now and then."</i></p>
	<p>Finlay, James</p> <p>James e mailed when he heard of the merger and wishes Kingsley School the best of luck.</p>
55 - 57	<p>Garnett, Peter</p> <p>I attended Grenville College from 1955 to 1957 as a boarder. This was just after the school opened. This probably makes me one of the older "old boys". The headmaster was WALTER SCOTT who I remember with great affection. My housemaster was MAJOR DUNN. I note they have both passed away. I have lived in Australia for 36 years and the only old boy with whom I have made contact was PHILLIP KIVELL. There was an e-mail address for him in an earlier publication. I did join the Grenville Association in the early days and in 1967 or thereabouts I came down to play rugby against the school. Moving to Australia I lost touch with GA. It is over 50 years since I attended Grenville and it would be interesting to hear from anyone who remembers me and the early days.</p>
59 - 66	<p>Giles, Susan (now Lockyer)</p> <p>Congratulations to Susan! After 11 years of being a widow she re-married in August 2008.</p>
2000 -01	<p>Hall, Stefan</p> <p>Stefan made contact recently to see if anyone remembers him – he has joined the registered users on the forums pages if you would like to contact him.</p>

63 – 69	<p>Hargrave, David</p> <p>David contacted us recently after a visit to Moreton, where he heard the news of the merger; naturally he was upset at the prospect of the old Grenville as he knew it being no more, but added:</p> <p><i>“I am pleased that there is still one good private school in Bideford and wish them every success. Times have changed and boarding schools are nowhere near as popular as they used to be when I was at school. I was a full time boarder from the age of 8 to 18.</i></p> <p><i>I will always be very grateful to the education that was given to me at Grenville. I started boarding at Grenville in 1963. I was interviewed by MR SCOTT who I think asked every student the same questions. -- What does a ½ + 1/3 equal and can you read the first 2 pages of Tarka the Otter. I was able to do the maths without any difficulty but he gave up after the first half page of Tarka! Every child had to have an IQ test which luckily I past with flying colours. Mr Scott retired and MR AND MRS CRABB took over the school in 1964. Mrs Crabb was the person who started the dyslexic unit while I was at Grenville. I am very pleased that it is still going to be called the Grenville Dyslexic Unit at the new school. I never believed I had dyslexia when I was at Grenville. I left Grenville with 10 "O" levels and 2 "A" levels and did 2 further A levels at a technical college before applying to do medicine. It is interesting to note that the only O level I failed was English. It took me 6 attempts to pass English O level!--- I think I must have suffered from dyslexia! I left Grenville in 1969. That summer 4 of the science A level students (there were only about 12 of us in all) got places at medical schools. (JOHN ARKLE, EVAN GREVILLE. KHUI KHOO and myself) I wonder if that record has ever been achieved since that time.</i></p> <p><i>The teachers BRIAN MORRIS. DR DAVID LINCOLN and DAVID YOUNG where the motivating factors in the success. I kept in touch with Brian Morris over the years and was very pleased to meet up with him again at an association reunion a few years ago.”</i></p>
79 - 80	<p>Hodgson, James, Scott</p> <p>I am now living in Eastbourne with my wife and 13 year old son.</p> <p>I joined the Merchant Navy in 1983 and obtained my master mariners (ship captain's licence) certificate 2 years ago. I am working as a first Officer for P&O Ferries in Dover.</p>
77 - 81	<p>Jameson, Adrian</p> <p>I left Grenville in 1981. Worked on a farm for 6 months and then did a year at Horticultural college in Ireland. My first gardening job was in a hotel and then after a year I started my own gardening business.</p> <p>I left Ireland in 1989 for London in the UK to work for a landscaping company. I was there for 9 years, running their maintenance department, before starting my own gardening business in 1998, the year I got married.</p> <p>I sold that award winning gardening company in 2007 when I moved to South Australia with my wife and Classic 1971 Purple Ford Mustang. In the last year I've been a car salesman, a photographer and have now launched a new gardening business (www.calarygardens.com - can anyone see a theme here yet!). I'm active in Rotary locally and along the way have accumulated an international property portfolio and am I share trader. I'm currently involved in writing a finance course with my wife, Karen.</p>
56 - 60	<p>Jessup, Steve</p> <p>The latest news on the web site - the Grenville College name being swept from the rolls - and Moreton House being sold - was quite a surprise.</p> <p>It was as if something in my past had moved violently. In all my travels, from Africa and the Middle East to Hawaii, sitting solidly in the background was Grenville College and the memories of my time there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cycling through the woods - from the main school to Moreton. - Sneaking out at night - using the trapdoor in the floor of the toilet on the 3rd floor - to emerge out of a cupboard on the ground floor - then out the backdoor and down to the goldfish ponds. - Toast - toast and more toast in the Common Room at night. - Clearing stones from the playing fields - after they had been levelled. - The almost weekly visits to see WALTER SCOTT regarding "Black Marks". - Climbing the stairs of the Ivory Tower to report to (MR. BODDINGTON ?) regarding an English test. - Changing faith to Methodist - so we could go to Methodist Church and not have to march in the crocodile to the C of E.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rugby matches against Shebbear - I think we even won a couple. - Dancing lessons - then the piece de resistance - the dance in Moreton House Ballroom - with girls from Edgehill ? - Rowing in the Exeter Regatta - catching a crab and almost hitting the wall. - Journeys to various coffee shops - Bideford, Westward Ho - to listen to Rock and Roll and watch the girls. <p>Even though I have never been back, it was always re-assuring to know that a part of my formative years still existed in brick and mortar.</p> <p>But time passes - and progress rolls on - my Grandmother used to say "Memories live longer than Dreams" now I understand what she meant.</p>
68 - 74	<p>Leon, John</p> <p>Congratulations to John on his marriage to Marie-Jo. John attended the Headmaster's dinner last November when we were all reeling from the merger announcement.</p>
86 - 90	<p>Lewand, Mark</p> <p>Mark wrote in response to the online forums birthday wishes message:</p> <p>"37 today - I didn't appreciate that your 30's would deliver you so surely toward your 40s... I'm living in Boston and work for a hedge fund that was very involved in the mortgage markets so we have had a very terrible 18 months - we have gone from 140 staff to 60 - I have managed to remain and wish you the same luck. Someone said it's a bit like dancing with the stars, making it through each round of lay-offs... We have plenty of snow at the moment which is very good news indeed - going skiing this weekend. Do you know of any Grenville guys in Boston?</p> <p>I was particularly sad when the Romney name was lost, and was sad again to hear the school name would change and Moreton would be lost. It seems that 50 years of tradition will go too - however I do understand that it's probably expedient in these times. When I was there in 86 - 90 the school seemed so very healthy and vibrant, and so focused on 11 - 18 year old boys with dyslexia - it really had a niche - and at that time we were winning everything and had more student every year. Maybe I'm wearing rose tinted specs.</p> <p>I'm very much still in touch with JAMES TOWNSEND (got engaged last weekend), ALEX TATTERSALL (living in Oxford with wife and baby son), RICHARD BROOKS (living in Poland), JOEL DYER (got married in Oct), JASON BONE, JASON LOVERING, CHRIS MARTIN...</p> <p>All best and good luck to you - if you need any help from me for anything don't hesitate to ask."</p>
84 - 91	<p>Lister, Dawn</p> <p>In Feb this year I left the police force to run our own pub in Crowborough with my Hubby, Bill. It has been a big challenge but is going well thankfully and loving every minute of it. Still horse mad though and every free minute I get I try and get down too see my horses and get out and about on them and walk the dogs at the same time.</p>
51 - 63	<p>McLoughlin, Maureen (now Terhune)</p> <p>After my plea for more SMOG news, Maureen kindly sent me the following:</p> <p>"I was at SMC from 1951-1963, studied radiography at Exeter and went on to work in Sussex, London, Uganda and Denmark. In Denmark I met my husband, Jack, a Canadian who was studying at a university there. I have been in Canada since 1973.</p> <p>We live in New Brunswick, a province that few people outside of Canada seem to know anything about. It is on the east coast, with a population of less than a million. 80% of it is forested. We live in a town of 4,000 people, which although it is a bedroom community for Saint John, which is half an hour away, still has a life and character of its own, with a vibrant arts community and an energetic church and volunteer sector.</p> <p>Since giving up radiography when I had my family, I have got caught up in this volunteer activity and enjoyed working in the schools, library and social justice groups. However, this has been scaled back because of issues with my health.</p> <p>Jack and I have two adult sons, both of whom are married, and we now have two grandchildren Peter and Kaitlyn.</p> <p>I am still in touch with SHEILA (Pidgeon) BLACKMORE and VERONICA ELLINGHAM BECKER (in Germany) and we do manage to meet from time to time. Veronica met us in Copenhagen while we were there during Jack's sabbatical in 2004 and I see Sheila on every trip to the UK. Alas my trips to the UK have been planned around family occasions and so far have not coincided with any of the reunions. I would love to have news of others who were at SMC around the same time as I was. Does</p>

	anyone hear of CAROLYN BLACKMORE, VERONICA PEDRICK, ELIZABETH WHITAKER, ANGELA BLACK, ELIZABETH and CLAIRE FOGARTY? ”
	Moules, Matthew Married to Clare - with 3 children: Theodore, Harriet and Barnaby. Matthew has been in the RN for 13 years and will be off to the Gulf to join HMS Chatham in the near future.
63 -	Neale, James Rowland James contacted us recently to join the forums users list. He has fond memories of the early days at Grenville. He was in a band with SIMON JEFFES (RIP), PIERS DELPH, JOHN LLOYD and HOWARD DAVIES . “ <i>Wonderful times!</i> ” James moved to Ireland about 12 years ago with his wife, Teresa. They run a business making pressed flower jewellery. They live a very idyllic life – growing all the flowers for the business as well as their own vegetables and they use fuel from their own 2 acres of bog. James would love to hear from anyone who remembers the early years in the 60’s. He can be contacted through the forums or his own website. www.meadowminiatures.com
	Northcott, Oliver "I was impressed by the comments from KELVIN LIM in the 2003 Newsletter in which he sang the praises of DICY , and at the same time, the importance of exceptional teachers, who mark the character of the students who pass through their hands. As Kelvin quite rightly points out, their influence is far greater than one realises, and one only realizes some years later how great, and one is then better able to appreciate the dedication, love and energy these teachers gave. I too have remarkable memories of DICY 's chemistry lessons, and no doubt, he was one of the ablest and most caring teacher/house master of his time at Grenville. In the same vein, I would like to take this opportunity of paying homage to 2 teachers who particularly were important for me. The first is GRAHAM SIMPSON , my favourite Geography teacher, who succeeded in making his subject sufficiently interesting, that even now, wherever I drive somewhere, I spend my time looking for hanging valleys, truncated spurs and deciding whether the rocks I am standing on are igneous or sedimentary. Adolescents need teachers who they can admire, respect, build imaginary castles with, but never fear, because there is always a mixture of genuine attachment and respect on the part of the teacher towards the child. Kids instinct picks up on this, and is usually accurate. Another teacher who made a strong impression on me and many of my peers was DAVID JOLL , the French teacher, house master of Tallis, smoker of Gauloises, "amateur" of gin and driver of Minis. Here was a man, too sensitive to have to deal with the stress of handling adolescent boys, too intellectual to have to try to beat into thick skulls the auxiliary verbs "etre" and "avoir", too gentle to have to be forced to meter out corporal punishment, but who did all this with devotion, tolerance and immense patience. Our success at O and A level French exams was his quiet satisfaction, our failure, his personal sense of failure and disappointment."
73 - 79	Perring, Diane (now Holley) & Nicola I have been viewing your website and I must say I found it really enjoyable. I attended Stella Maris Convent from 1973 – 1979. My sister also attended the school (NICOLA PERRING). I was in Fisher and she was in Champion. I remember from looking at the photo's where everything was i.e. the Chapel at the end of the top corridor, the wooden letter holder on the ground floor (always very excited who received presents from home)! The lab where SISTER MARIETTA taught science and the class where MRS. OGDEN taught English etc etc – what fond memories. Both my sister and I were full time boarders and I am sure we complained every day how the nuns were the worst human beings in the world (what fond memories we have now though)! I would just like to say, you have done a wonderful job creating this website – thank you for bringing back wonderful times for me.
99 - 04	Pratt, Katie Katie has now graduated and is back in Bideford, working in an advertising agency.
69 - 71	Robertson, Timothy After 31 years, in various jobs with The Civil Service, I have set up my own business as an Aviation Security Consultant. Divorced and living in Essex, I have fond memories of Grenville. Good old fashioned standards, discipline and great teachers too. Often wonder what happened to GUY WOODMAN, PIERS GROWSE and ROBERT BLANCHFORD .
69 – 71	Robertson, Timothy Getting married for the second time around, next year. Working in the aviation security area. Also

	involved as a Charity Commission Trustee at Kensal Green Cemetery in London. Always hope to hear from any former pupils who were at Grenville during my short time there.
60 - 67	<p>Rogers, Sue (now Jones)</p> <p>Sue responded to the reunion survey with her news:</p> <p>"I work as a physiotherapist and live in Wimbledon. I organise about 80 physios for the Flora London Marathon so I know just how you feel. My best friend at school was PRUE MURRAY (now Brandt) and I am in touch with several of our year group. The last time we came to a reunion a lot of our year group came, we had a tour round the old Stella Maris site and there was a great exhibition at Grenville with a lot of memorabilia! I am sure we will all come again, in fact we must make 2010 and I shall start to tell everybody now!"</p>
57-66	<p>Ryder, David</p> <p>I left Grenville in 1966 and emigrated to Sydney NSW. I lived there for three years before making a 14 month long journey to Western Australia. In WA I worked in the aviation industry for 30 years living in a number of country towns before settling in Perth W.A.. I recently spent time as a maintenance manager before retiring. I have been married for over 30 years and have a 25 year old son. I have been in contact with MIKE READE, SID GORRELL, PAUL COWDY, SIMON PAUL and JAMES WALTERS.</p> <p>triride@westnet.net.au</p>
79-85	<p>Salter, Gary</p> <p>Gary contacted us with a new e mail address and his News:</p> <p>Still in first job – teaching PE at Teddington School; also SSCo.</p> <p>Living in Feltham. Playing hockey and cricket.</p> <p>Not married! No children either!!!!</p>
80 - 88	<p>Salter, Mike</p> <p>Mike sent us a change of address and this update:</p> <p>"I left GC and worked as a land and building surveyor for a couple of years. Then after ending up in hospital after a road traffic accident I changed my vocation to nursing which I did as a nursing assistant for about 9 years mainly looking after physically disabled adults. I then moved to America to attend a bible school in North Carolina. The school was for two years but I stayed for 5. I returned to England just over a year ago and have been working in a hospice but now I'm now about to start university at Surrey to do my nurse training. At Last!"</p>
1976	<p>Sharma, Varun, Rommney</p> <p>I have just been through your new website. Congratulations a job well done. It brought back some great memories of the time I was at Grenville including my final year as Head Boy in 1976 and the first year DC POWEL-PRICE was Head master. What a learning experience that was and it has carried me well ever since. I hope to be in the UK from July 2008 onwards. I will also be attending my elder daughter Kashika's graduation from university of Kent and my younger daughter Isha having completed A levels from Badminton School in Bristol. If anyone remembers me it would be great to make contact.</p>
85 – 91	<p>Stafford, Simon</p> <p>Simon recently sent us an update: <i>"I am now married and we are expecting our first baby in August this year. I am living in Toronto and working for the local government in an L&D project manager role. Over the last 2 years my wife and I took a career break and have been travelling (Europe, Asia) and volunteering in Cambodia which was an amazing experience. We spent 10 months living and working in New Zealand before coming to Canada. Would be happy to be in contact with anyone who wants to get in touch."</i> Simon is now on the registered users list on the forums pages if you would like to contact him.</p>
-79	<p>Stone, Peter</p> <p>Peter contacted us to join the online forums and remembers winning the service cup the year he left and also being "Head Tractor Driver". Has anyone else held this unusual honour – I am afraid we don't allow pupils to use the garden machinery any more!</p>
98 -05	<p>Travers-Wakeford, Nicole</p> <p>Nicole gained a 2:1 in Journalism and is currently working as the editor of e Cards Media Ltd (http://www.ecards.co.uk)</p>
?? - 86	<p>Waymouth, Charlotte Charlotte sent us this update and her new contact details.</p> <p>"I left Stella Maris in 86 and did A' levels at Barnstaple College before spending a year out travelling, followed by 4 years at Portsmouth University. In 1993 I joined the Hampshire Constabulary and in 1998 I transferred back to North Devon and was posted to Ilfracombe for 8 years. During that time I had two</p>

	children a girl who is now 8, and a boy who is now 7. In 1996 My family and I emigrated to New Zealand. I am still a police officer, currently serving in Gisborne on the East Coast of the North Island."
97 - 04	Williams, Nicole Nicole sent me her news via Facebook. Nicole graduated with a 2:1 and is now back in North Devon, working at Shebbear College in the Sports and Boarding departments. Nicole and her fiancé, James, will be getting married this summer; congratulations to you both.
90 - 95	Willson, John John lives in New Zealand with his wife Tonia and they have an eight month old daughter called Rosie. John was a Station Officer in the London Fire Brigade but now after ten years he's about to take up a position in Auckland with the NZ Fire Service.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Gordon Hutchinson

We have recently heard that Gordon, a previous Bursar of Grenville College, passed away some 8-9 years ago. Solicitors have informed us that, sadly, his wife Joyce also passed away recently. They kindly left a small legacy to Grenville College.

Gordon left Grenville in 1979 and went on to be the Bursar at the Highland School, Dundee.

GRADUATES

Congratulations to:

Joe Burrage (99 – 04), who graduated from Leicester with a 2:1 BSc in Genetics, Joe is now at Edinburgh University studying for a PhD in Cancer Cell Genetics.

Rebecca Dixon, who graduated from Bristol as a Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience, Rebecca is now working in Bristol.

Luke Miller (97 – 04), who graduated from Nottingham with a First Class Honours Masters in Physics.

Nicole Williams (97 – 04), who graduated from the University of Wales Institute, Cardiff with a 2:1 BA (Hons) in Leisure and Sports Management, Nicole is back working in North Devon. (And is getting married this year! Extra congratulations!)

Matthew-Robert Hughes (90 – 95), who was featured in the local press this year. Artist/Photographer Matthew's work was included in a major London exhibition which showed work from the 20 most promising students to graduate in 2008. The article also states that Matthew is one of the short-listed artists for a show called "4 New Sensations" run by the Saatchi Gallery in association with Channel 4.

DESTINATIONS OF GRENVILLE COLLEGE SIXTH-FORM STUDENTS
AUTUMN 2008

	<u>University/College</u>	<u>Course</u>
Stephen Au	Southampton	Actuarial Sciences
April Braund	Oxford Brookes	History
Cherry Chan	Nottingham	Chemical Engineering
Dominic Chave-Cox	St Andrew's	Theology/Combined Honours
Matthew Dockar	Westminster	Law and French LLB
Gemma Donovan	Winchester	Drama & Theatre Studies
Jack Dyer	Working in Berlin in Art	
Alice England	Bristol UWE	Veterinary Nursing
Derek Guo	Bradford	Economics
Akihiro Hasegawa	Continuing education at college in Japan	
Elizabeth Hemmerle	Cheltenham	Advertising & Marketing
Ben Jennings	Plymouth	Marine Biology & Oceanography
Nigel Luk	Southampton	Economics
Kerrie Manship	Plymouth	Early Childhood Studies
Ravisha Patel	Hertfordshire	Biochemistry
Emma Reeve	Worcester	Nursing
Christopher Slee	Harper & Adams	Animal Science/Bio-veterinary Science
Hannah Standford	Hertfordshire	Biomedical Sciences
Daniel Stastny	Czech Republic	Engineering
Mark Tang	Nottingham	Physics
Francesca Tomalin	Plymouth	Law
Vincent Yan	Brunel	Business Management

Taking a Gap Year – 2009 entry

Richard Bassett	Southampton Solent	Sports Coaching & Development
Oliver Forfitt	Re- apply	
Emily Hyam	Staffordshire	Film & Production Technology
Elizabeth Jury	Oxford Brookes	Physiotherapy
Harry Langdon	Leeds Metropolitan	Marketing & Advertising
James Manners	Oxford Brookes	Motor Sport Engineering
Sam Mead	Southampton	Chemistry
Alex Ramsey	Derby	Business & Geography
Sabrina Schemmel	Applying to UK & Germany	Medicine
Sam Sleep	RAF	
Camilla Waugh	Applying	Pharmacy